# PLUGGING FOR THE PRECIOUS

Marked Activity in Two Leading Camps of the West.

CREEDE PUSH AND BLACK HILLS BUSTLE

Prospects and Outlook of the Former, and Its Social, Industrial and Political Life-Deadwood's Roster of Projected Improvements-A Mammoth Canal.

AMETHYST, Colo., April 1 .- [Special to THE BEE. |- The sunny San Luis valley has been rightly named, for after one of the most delightful winters, almost unequaled elsewhere, spring has opened, with her myriads of sweet songsters, making mountain and vale rejoice, while "His Majesty" the sun reigns supreme over all. The climate of Amethyst, Wasson and Sunnyside is something wonderful-9,000 feet up the heights and scarcely any snow all winter.

As the train steams into Wasson, which is the extreme south portion of Creede, the prospect is one of valley and mountain, with few houses in the foreground; rapidly leaving it you enter the West Willow Creek valley and find yourself gradually nemmed in by mountains till you reach. South Creede and Amethyst with the flat occupied mostly by business houses, while the residence sortion is on the Mesa or beach to the eft. Possing these two places, we approach Upper Creede or "Death Valley," as it has been called, not because of the mortality of the place, but because the sun so seldom en-ters its confines. But even its ominous title cannot detract from the grandeur and beauty of its scenery. Tall mountains rise in awful sublimity around, dotted here and there with lofty and beautiful trees, while fautastic figures, made by wind and weather, are portrayed upon the rocks of all ages. In walking up the guich you suddenly stumble upon some unexpected beauty of scenery, such as a rippling fall of water, a quaint little home situated under some stern old rock, or one of nature's palaces looking

### The Founder of Creede.

In this valley is situated the home of U. C. Creede, right at the forks of the two canons. It is a picturesque place built partially of logs and partially of boards, painted green, and possessing the almost anknown feature in this country, a fence, at the gate of which a lamp post. These are also painted flowing under a rustic bridge seem part of the natural landscape. The atmospheric change from Amethyst to Upper Creede is something to be wondered at seeing there is so little rise in elevation: for while we are enjoying the calm and sun-shine, they have the blustering winds and snow of winter.

#### Trouble Over Mines.

During the past week Creede has had her first serious trouble over mines. Last Wednesday night a crowd of fifty men be-longing to the Miners union went to the New York Chance mine and without proper authority entered the property and ordered the men to quit and come out, which commands were obeyed. The reason of this action was as follows: When the shaft was started Mr. Reynolds, the manager, hired the men at \$3 a day, promising \$3.50 when sufficient depth was gained to warrant the higher rate; that he worked his men on ten-hour shifts instead of eight: that as a labor organization they proposed that all things should be equal, and the shaft men all over the camp should receive \$3.50 for eight hours, and also that if any

man should attempt to work for less he would be run out of camp.

Two of the strikers, Charley McCollough and C. W. Ravenscroft, presented themselves at the office of the company and at the point of the revolver demanded their pay in full, as they expected their board bill to be de-

As the results show, these methods also fell short of the desired end-to compel the New York owners to heed the demands for higher wages. On the contrary, it made Mr. Reynolds more aggressive, and he not arr. Reynolds more aggressive, and he not only declares that he never made a promise to increase the pay, but further that no union man shall ever be employed on his property; that no man or set of men small dictate to him as to how he shall run his

The New York mine is closed indefinitely, 150 men are out of employment to the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, one man is dead, shot through the heart in the fight which had its origin in the strike, and another badly injured.

John Erskine, a miner on the Amethyst, became mixed in a scuffle between Marshal Duncan and the McCollough brothers in a restaurant Wednesday night, during which Erskine got hold of the marshal's "billy and while attempting to strike the marshal, the latter succeeded in firing four shots into Erskine's body. The jury brought in a ver-dict that the shooting was not justifiable, but District Attorney Strickler read the evidence in a different light and dismissed Duncan. He was again arrested on the charge of murder, but again dismissed, after which he resigned as marshal and thinking "dis-cretion the better part of valor," left the

D. H. Moffat has wired that if there is any dissatisfaction evinced by the employes of the Amethyst fiat the property shall be

# Mining Progress.

An option for ten days has been given on the Senate No. 2 and Missing Link. The figures are \$10,000 cash and \$40,000 in sixty days for a fourth interest in the two proper-ties. Hermann Schiffer, a wealthy silk manufacturer of New York, holds this option Both properties were located by Carl Born, and join the Last Chance and the New York. The Nelson pumel compressor is working

The Creede & Gunnison railway is an assured fact as far as Batchelor, the fourteen miles to be built taking in the whole of Batchelor and making it possible to ship low grade ores from mines now idle, with an assurance that the freight will not eat up the bulk of profits. The road will be of incalculable benefit to the camp. The Bailance, situated east of the Alpha.

shows a white quartz with silver glance, assaying 407 to 474 ounces of silver per ton Quite a number of contracts have been let during the past two weeks.

Another vein of amethyst quartz carrying sulphides has been found in the Last Chance mine at a depth of 345 feet. Assays show 300 ounces of silver per ton.

Sunnyside is coming to the front in build-ing, quite a number of buildings being in The \$30,000 school bonds of Creede were

sold for 20% cents on the dollar to E. G. Patterson, a broker of Denver. They bear 7 per cent interest and run five and fifteen The ore shipment of Creede camp for the

past seven days netted 1,800 tons. Creede has now a new county named Min-eral with its county sent at Wasson and now citizens are being pestered by aspirants for office. The city election is the basis of all conversation and quite a hot contest is

The dancing and whist clubs have combined and now hold a semi-monthly meeting at the Brainard & Beebe hotel.

On Sunday evening Colonel Will L.

Visscher was here and gave a lecture on the
Keeley cure, after which he and Mr. Bonnar
entertained the audience with recitations
and songs of a high order of excellence.

Every one is hoping the New York Chance
will not remain closest long for it is the

will not remain closed long, for it is the largest shipper in the camp. Quite a number of new prespects are being

developed and expectations run high all over

## Reclaiming the Colorado Desert,

Work has commenced on a monster canal that will take water out of the Colorado river and irrigate the vast expanse of country in the southwest known as the Colorado desert. For ten days 500 men and teams have been engaged in the excavation, and on the 27th work commenced at two other points and the number of laborers was increased to 1,000. The fall of the river is conerable, and as its average depth is twelve feet, the canal will cut it about fifty miles above Yuma, Ariz, and by lessening the natural grade, in a few miles the water will be brought to the surface. The canal is to be carried around Chimney peak, a distance of forty miles from the main stream, and through a section of country now entirely waste for want of water. It will then be

carried south across the line into Mexico, a distance of seventy miles, making it 130 miles in length and the largest and longest canal in the world. It will be eighteen feet in depth, sixty in width and will have a carrying capacity of 100,000 miner's inches. A strip of country from twenty to forty miles in width will be reclaimed for the entire length and will be planted in oranges, figs and dates. The Mexican government has made valuable oncessions of land to the company and they will be relieved from taxation for a number of years, so that the most prominent capital ats of Denver, St. Louis, San Francisco and Inicago are heavily interested, the cost of

the work having been placed by the engineers at \$5,000,000. The land lying along the route, inside the United States, has a soil from ten to thirty feet in depth and of wonderful fertility wherever touched by water, though there are no springs, and as rain seldem fails no one has paid any attention to it, though now one has paid any attention to it, though now hundreds of acres are being surveyed and filed upon daily under the provisions of the United States iand law. The Wolffey canal, higher up the Gila, had water let into it on the 20th inst. and it is now irrigating an area of thirty-eight by fourteen miles that a year ago was a barren waste of sand.

### IN THE BLACK HILLS.

Mineral and Building Prospects Quite

Flattering. The state mining inspector in his annual report speaks in flattering terms of the Keystone, Tepee, Cross and Glendale districts. This wondersul district," he says, "Is situated near and runs parallel to the tin veins of Harney Peak district, its course being north and south, and generally governed by the fault through which. Battle creek flows; however, at times the tin voins are found intermixed with this now demonstrated pyritic and arsenical gold-bearing zone, which during the past year has proven to be rich in free gold, and bears similar characteristics to that of our Whitewood free milling ores, the resemblance being more apparent upon the surface, and the free gold being found in the cap which covered this zone, composed of red decomposed quartz of lesch slate and decomposed slate, schist, with porphyry intermixed, the cap, in thickness, being from fifty to 150 feet; and from which placer miners have, during the many years, ex-tracted and milled by hand stamp mill, many hundreds of tons, hauling the same great nundreds of tons, hadding the same great distances to water. That there is a mother lode of great magnitude in this district, is evident from the fact of so much placer gold being found in the many ravines and gulenes which drain this portion of the upheaval.

"This district during the past year was vig-rously prospected and its full value and extent determined. The boom being caused through the purchase of the Keystone propcrty consisting of many claims. This company has now creeted a twenty-stamp mill with concentrating tables attached, all the appliances being of the latest improved sys-tem. From a close examination and per-sonal visits to this section, and after viewing the many valuable properties here ex-posed it must be considered one of the coming districts of South Dakota, if the properties are handled upon a practical system, but on being worked unpractically. like many other enterprises of the Southern Hills in past years, it would prove a drone on the hands of any company. The starting of the Keystone mill is anxiously awaited when the value of this now exposed mineral sone will be fully determined and the future ing district will be no longer prespective, but an established reality

The chlorination plant at Rapid City will start up next week. It will handle ore from the Welcome mine. The Welcome Mining company has purchased the three claims owned by the Kimberly Mining company for \$100,000. The burchase includes the Fargo, Garland and Graham lodes.

Pan assays from the old workings of the bandoned Sam mine show an average value of \$5 per ton gold. The samples were taken from the face of the ore ledge in the thirty-five-foot cross cut. Selected samples show a much larger assay. The property has been taken up and will be worked with a view of building a quartz mill if the ore will warrant

Frank Webber recently bonded the Alpha and Omega to a Chicago man for \$25,000. Weeber has shipped ninety tons of ore from this property which gave a return of \$100

Homestake Mining company making preparations for a novel display at the World's fair. This display will be a mammoth brick of gold, representing a three This company's months run at their mills. output per month is \$250,000. The brick will

be worth \$750,000. It has been estimated by Deadwood min-ing men that the blanket formation, coveran area of eight souare miles contains the aggregate 180,000,000 tons of ore, averaging \$20 per ton gold. This estimate does not include the second contact known to exist below the upper. The body of ore is practically inexhaustible. The above figures do not nor cannot give any idea of its mag-

A handsome body of ore has been opened up in the Iron Hill. The ore is thickly coated with horn silver. This mine was thought to have been worked out six years ago. It was then selling for \$8 per share, but dropped to 25 cents; since then it has been fluctuating between 15 and 25 cents, The Black Hills Gold and Silver Recovery

company of Deuver has purchased the Flickinger Lewis group of claims for

Deadwood has booked several important projects for the year. It is proposed to build an electric line to Lead City to bring about closer intercourse. The new hotel now under way will cost \$140,000. The municipal water works will form a prominent improvement in the year's list. A Masonic temple, several large business blocks, a num-ber of residences and at least a mile of street pavement are under contract. The outlook for Deadwood is a rosy one.

# The Vanishing Buffalo.

Prof. Hornaday, the naturalist, says a writer in Harper's, estimated the number of buffalo running wild at the beginning of the year 1891 at 1,000, and this is certainly a liberal estimate. About fifty are known to be in Colorado, where in October, 1891, a ranchman, for whom justice still calls in vain, is known to have killed five. In 1889 the state legislature of Colorado enacted a law providing severe penalties for anyone who should kill a buffalo before the year 1900. The state game warden recently made an effort to bring the individual who admitted that he had killed five of the animals to justice, but he "could find no one who would testify against him." These Colorado buffalo are said to be in four "bunches"—one in Middle park, one in the Konosha range (the herd numbering perhaps twenty), ten or fifteen are at Hahn's Peak in Routt county, and the remainder at Dolores.

on the James river in North Dakota and south and west of James town there are four or five animals, all that are left of the little herd which made its last stand near Fort Totten. Manitoba is said to contain a small herd, but as quite a number of animals were recently shipped from Winnipeg to Garden City, Kan., where "Buffalo" Jones has gathered a considerable number, and is en-deavoring with some measure of success to

increase them by broeding, it may be that this Manitoba herd has been counted twice. The Yellowstone National park contains a large herd—the largest, perhaps, in exist-ence anywhere—and they are said to be

slowly increasing in numbers.

Forty-seven buffalo are ewned by C. Allard, a rancher in the Flathead country, on Crow creek, Mont. These animals are herded with the demestic cattle. Here and there throughout the country, in parks or zoological gardeus, a few are to be found. These are all that remain of that mighty host which covered the plains of the west within the memory of men not yet 35 years

# Idaho Mineral.

The placer miners of Willow, five miles west of Idaho City, are cleaning out their ditches and making all necessary preparations for opening their claims. They expect an unusually prosperous season.

Owners of a large number of claims near Boise City are doing development work on them, and they all look so favorably that there is now now doubt that the district will prove a very important one. The ores are both gold and silver.

Several strong companies have been formed this winter for the purpose of working the placer and quartz mines at Eik City, Idaho county. The one that has taken hold of placer mines has secured large tracts of good ground that could not be worked heretofore

because of the heavy expense of getting water on to it. The Last Chance mine, at Atlanta, is

working ten men and extracting considera-ble ore. For several years the mine had been in litigation, and there was some trouble in regard to the title, but everything has been straightened out by a government patent. The Last Chance is one of the greatest gold properties in the state, and during twenty-five years has yielded enormous returns. The lodge is large and the ore extremely rich in free gold, averaging \$300 per ton. The present owners have no doubt but that the product between now and the 1st of July will reach the large sum of \$50,000 with the small force at work.

New Forest Reservations. The establishment of forest reservations will add strength to the movement now in progress at Sacraments to receie the Yosemite valley and the Mariposa Big Tree Grove to the United States, says the Century. The necessity of more securely guarding these two great treasures ought now to be more apparent than ever to the people of California. They ought to see the wisdom of allowing control of the entire tract to be consolidated in the hands of the general government. In this way alone can it be secured for all time against the ravages of ignorance the greed of "rings," and the onslaughts of vandaism. If the effort to procure voluntary recession shall fail, it will e duty of congress to repeal the grant of 1864. For this course it is certain that a congressional inquiry will reveal only too substantial grounds. Once the valley is in the hands of the government, the services of Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted should be secured to lay down the principles on which it should be treated. Meantime he should be selected to act as adviser to the bureau in charge of which the scenic portions of the new parks shall be placed.

The Harney Peak Tm Mines. The Deadwood Times announces that the Harney Peak Tin Mining and Milling company "will not resume operations for an indefinite period. No hope of a settlement between the American and English stockholdresumption of operations cannot be looked for for at least three or four months. Evidently the ideas of the stockholders and those of Superintendent Childs did not tibe as the latter gentleman resigned his position and is no longer the manager of the com-pany's affairs here. It is understood that an order has, or will be soon, sent from New York to cease all operations now being car-ried on at Hill City. It is to be regretted that on the eve of prosperity this enterprise was forced to close down, owing to the stuborn bulldog teuncity with which our English cousins are opposing the live energetic end of the enterprise. Mark it down in your hat," says the Times, "that this plant was not closed down because of the non-existence of tin, but for the reason quoted above."

Nebraska and Nebraskans. A Sutton woman is making a rustle for the Papillion's free reading room will be si this week.

E. V. Clark has sold the Genoa Banner to George W. Corneil. The Dodge county Sunday school convention will be held at Jamestown May 24 and 25. It is definitely announced that work will be commenced at once upon the enlargement of the Kearney canal.

The Table Rock Brick and Tile company has been incorporated with an authorized capital stock of \$1,000,000. Congressman Kem is employing his spare time between sessions in remodeling and en-

larging his house at Broken Bow. The sale of the North Nebraska Fair Driving Park association grounds at Norfolk by the sheriff has been confirmed. The United Brethren church at Crete has

been closed for lack of funds and Rev. Mr. Wharton has removed to Blue Hill. I. D. Clark proposes to put in a cannery at Papillion if the farmers will only agree to raise the necessary vegetables to can. Ten thousand bushels of corn burned at Western in the cribs of the Western Eleva-

tor company, causing a loss of \$30,000. The Old Settlers' association for Antelops county has decided to hold the annual en-campment in Neligh, the time to be fixed

The Plattsmouth Herald is thirty years old, and it one counts from the day the Citi-zen was started, out of which the Herald grew, the paper is thirty-eight years of age. Michael Beacom, who was badly frozen near Hubbard, Dakota county, about ten weeks ago, is now ready to leave the hospital. It was at first thought it would be necessary to amputate one of his legs near the thigh. He has finally escaped, how-ever, with the amputation of one foot at the instep and the other at the ankle.

West Point people are already beginning to prepare for the coming field encampment of the Nebraska Sons of Veterans. This encampment takes place June 12, 13, 14 and 15 and it is expected that there will be fully 3,000 visitors at West Point during the four days of the exercises. Six hundred uni-formed and well drilled Sons of Veterans will take part in the prize drill contests, for

which \$400 in special prizes are offered. Too much conndence in a strange hired man caused Thomas Stretch, a Saunders county farmer, lots of trouble and the loss of considerable cash. He sent his farm hand to Weston with a load of hogs to sell and he sold them. But instead of taking the pro-ceeds to his employer the hired man put the money in his pocket and headed the team for Wahoo. At a bridge near the Saunders county capital the team was tied up and the driver hit the road for railway connection. On his way he met some of the boys who were out hunting and informed them that some man had tied a team near the bridge up the creek and had evidently committed This news reaching Wahoo caused a great deal of excitement and several parties went out to search for the dead body which they failed to find. The hired man is

# Western Notes.

There will be 50,00 sheep sheared in Mason valley, Nevada, this summer The large flouring mill at Marion Junction. S. D., was destroyed by fire last week, causing \$30,000 loss.

The Oregon & California Land company used to be assessed on 53,000 acres of land in Lane county, Oregon A new ownership book revealed 250,000 acres. As a tax shirker the company takes front rank

James Officer, one of the oldest and best snown Oregon pioneers, died last week, on his donation land claim in Clackamas county, where he settled when he came to Oregon from Missouri in 1846. He was born in Tennessee in 1801.

A Spokaneite whose peculations and forg-eries were discovered attempted to drown his disgrace with atrophia. To counteract the effect of the poison and save his life the unfortunate was marched through the streets and vigorously whipped. The treatment The sale of the Lewis and Little Nell lodes

in Blacktail, Black Hills, was completed last week. The purchaser was the Black Hills Gold Recovery company, and the price paid was \$90.00. The Blunderbus and Treadwell by Daniel Flickinger, were also sold for \$30,000. The Utah Mormons are making a desper-

ate fight in the courts for several hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property confiscated by the government. The saints may be lawing up treasures for the here-after, but any one who thinks they are over-looking any of the good things in sight is seriously mistaken.

An incident illustrating Celestial insight to human nature happened in Great Falls, Mont., last week. The townspeople had driven every Chinaman away. Won Lung returned, determined to beat down local prejudice. Going into a prominent saloon

he invited all hands 16 Irrigate. They irrigated and rejoiced. The more they drank the more popular became Won Lung. His popularity increased as he made the rounds of the salcons, dispersing liquor lavishly. After blowing himself to the extent of \$200 he was voted the freedom of the city.

Bicycle riding is epidemic at White Sul-phur Springs, Mont. Ladies, babies and full grown men all join together in cavorting around the alkaline flats of Smith river on the clusive two-legged wheel. Even the invalids who go there to bathe in the heal-ing waters of the sumplier springs forget their awful aches and pains and, casting crutches aside, join in the general hilarity.

During a late meeting of sheepgrowers in heyenne, the question of the capacity of the Wyoming range was freely discussed. State Senator J. J. Hurt and Hon. J. B. Okie unite in the statement that there is ye om for fully 1,000,000 sheep in the state and that there is no danger of over produc tion of wool or from national legislation. There is mentioned by these gentlemen one county which has 5,000 square miles of unoc upied range, affording the best sheep runs in America.

The plain truth is good enough for Hood's Sarsaparilla. No need of embelishment or sensationalism. Hood's cures.

## THE SAPPHIRE,

A Pretty Gem Once Again in the Favor of Fashionables.

Sapphires have of late years become fashionable gems. The blue of the sapphire is very seldom pure, or spread over the whole substance of the stone. Sometimes it is mixed with black, which gives it an inky appearance; sometimes with red, which, although imperceptible by daylight, yet by artificial light gives it an amethystine appearance. sapphires, which by daylight may appear of the same hue, often differ extremely in color at night. If the stone be held in an ordinary pair of forceps an inch beneath the surface of very clear water, the parts of the stone colored and uncolored will be distinctly apparent. This remark applies to all other gems.

Star sapphires are usually of a gray ish blue tint, and the star is exhibited in its greatest perfection when looked at by the light of the sun or a candle. sapphire is found of all tints and shades of blue, but the color which approxi mates to the shade formerly called "bleu du roi," is the most valuable. A reall; fine sapphire should appear blue by ar-tificial light as well as by day. This stone is found in crystals, generally of much larger size than the ruby. name "sapphire" is perhaps the only one which runs through all languages with very slight alteration - the Hebrew name sapphir, the Chaldaic sapirinon, the Greek zaffiros, the Latin sapphirus, etc To the sapphire has been ascribed the following magical properties: That it prevents wicked thoughts; that it is such an enemy to poison that if put into a glass with a spider or venomous reptil it will kill it. St. Jerome, in his exposition of the nineteenth chapter of Isaiah. says that the sapphire procures favor with princes, pacifies enemies, from enchantment and obtains release from captivity. This gem was sacred to Apollo and was worn when inquiring

of the oracle at his shrine. It was es-

teemed as a remedy against fevers. Ceylon has always been famous for its sapphires, as well as for other gems, and even the energetic rapacity of the old Roman adventurers failed to exhaust its riches. Of all the brilliant gems extracted from the soil of this richly endowed island, hardly any was more highly esteemed by them than the sapphire. Its exquisite tint recalled to the exiled Roman the clear, cloudless azure of the heavens over the seven-hilled city. The treasuries and regalfas of Europe po supphires of very large size. In the green vaults of Dresden are several of remarkable size and beauty. In the Russian treasury are some of an enormous size, amongst them one of a light blue tint. The engraving of sapphires was hardly known before the days of the Roman empire, and probably the most celebrated of all engraved sapphires is the great signet of the Emperor Con-

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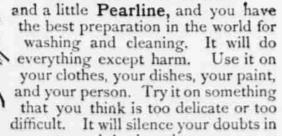
The Burning of a Tonsil Cures a Strange Case of Lethargic Sleep.

A curious case of lethargic sleep which lasted for five months has just come to the attention of the Hypnotic and Psychological society in Paris, which both the society and the doctors are unable to explain. A 13-yearunable to explain. A 13-year-old girl of an excellent provincial family is the subject of this curious experience. While at boarding school she vas suddenly frightened and became ill She was examined by the celebrated Professor Charcot and admitted to the insane asytum of Dr. Raffegeau at Vesinet. At this time the girl uttered a series of hoarse barks, and her wide open mouth disclosed a highly swollen right tonsil. Every five minutes she was seized with a spasm, during which she rubbed her left eyebrow so hard with her left hand that she nearly wore it She was completely unconscious and had to be nourished artificially by means of a stomach tube. Three days after reaching Vesinet she fell into syncope, which it was impossible to disturb by any physical pain. Massage and hydropathis treatment produced a visible improvement, but it was not until a few days ago that the proper remedy was discovered. Dr. Raffegeau cauterized the swollen tonsil with a red-hot and at the same treated the muscles under the jaw with massage. The girl gave a little scream when the iron was applied. Some hours later she was induced to repeat the vowels after the physician. Next morn-ing she suddenly awoke, asking: "Where She had absolutely no recollection of what had occurred about her She is now more lively than before her illness, talks incessantly and seems anxious to make up for the time she has ost by amusing herself as much as pos

A Big Grasshopper. A distinguished naturalist of the Cali-fornia Academy of Sciences was traveling in Australia, when he saw a kangaroo in session and flung a stone at it, says the San Francisco Examiner.

The kangaroo immediately adjourned tracing against the sunset sky a parabolic curve spanning seven provinces and vanished below the horizon. The distinguished naturalist looked inter-

# Take Water



the one case, and save your strength in the other. Send Peddlers and some unscrupulous grocers will tell you "this is as good as" or "the same as Pearline." IT'S FALSE—Pearline is never peddled, it Back and if your grocer sends you something in place of Pearline, be honest-send it back, 231 JAMES PYLE, New York.

ested, but said nothing for nearly an hour. Then he said to his native guide: hour. "You have pretty wide meadows here,

suppose? "No, not very wide," the guide answered; "about the same as in England and America."

After another long silence the distinguished naturalist said: "The hay which we shall purchase for our horses this evening-I shall expect to find the stalks about fifty feet long. Am I right?"

"Why no," said the guide: "a foot or two is about the usual length of our hay. What can you be thinking of?" The distinguished naturalist of the

California Academy of Sciences) made

no immediate reply, but later, as in the

shades of night they journeyed through

the desolate vastness of the great, lone

land, he broke the silence:

"I was thinking," he said, "of the uncommon magnitude of that blanked grasshopper.'

### DRUMMERS' EXPENSES.

What a Philadelphia Court Has Declared to Be a Legitimate Item. "I see where a drummer in Philadel-

phia sued his house for \$85 that he had lost in a poker game," said Charles An-derson to a St. Louis Globe-Democrat man of Baltimore. "The funny part of it it, too, is that the judge decided in his favor, holding that inasmuch as the game was played with customers, and that had he won their money it might have affected his sales, it must be considered a legitimate item of expense. It strikes one at first as being a peculiar decision. but when you look at it in all its phases it is only just. There are lots and lots of things that a man is compelled to spend money on in order to keep his trade that the house will not permit him to charge as expense that really nothing but expenses. that are an incident of once that broke me up pretty badly. I was in one of those towns that you will often find-too big for a village and too small for a city. I had a fine array of samples at the hotel and an engagement with a customer, for that afternoon to come up and look at them. Of course we must have something to smoke while looking at the stock. The cigars at the hotel were vile, and I went o a wholesale concern and bought a box of cigars, the best I could get, and paid 29 cents for them by the box. They were levely. I took some out of the box so that it wouldn't look as if they were bought for that occasion only, and waited for my man. He came. I gave him one of the eigacs. He lit it and puffed at it for a few minutes, and then he said: 'I suppose this is a Havana cigar?' That disgusted me with him at once, He continued: You eastern men all smoke these Havana cigars; now, for my part. I prefer a nice, light domestic eight, say about 5 cents. It smokes better, I sold him a bill of goods, but I couldn't make the house pay me back the \$14.50 I had spent for fifty 29-cent eigars. Yet it was a legiti-mate expense. These things strike you as tough, don't they?"

### Dynamite in Beer.

Michael Lewis, a laborer in the New York College Point brewery, until Saturday last, drank and relished his portion of the beer usually allowed to employes, but now he swears that he will never take another mouthful of the awful stuff, and all because of an experience with a keg of beer on pay day. which he is not liable to forget for some time to come.

Lewis was loading a wagon with small kegs of beer, which he carried from the vaults in the cellar. When the truck was almost filled, one of the kegs he had in his arms exploded with a report like a cannon, and the oft coveted beverage flew about the sidewalk like streams from a geyser spring. Michael was thrown violently to the

ground. It was not the first time that an overdose of beer had prostrated a man, but Lewis had never before been The flying splinters from the fractured

flesh, and when his companions ran to his assistance he was velling like a mad-"That settles it!" he cried. "I knew d-d well there was dynamite in beer,

an' I'll niver drink a drop av it ag'in.'

keg tore his clothing and bruised his

# AYER'S Cherry Pectoral

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